

His second trip, in 1915, was spent with his daughters in a camp on the Truckee River. His chief interest at this time lay with the genus *Viola*. For some time he had been absorbed in unravelling this much confused group and its hybrids in the eastern and southern states. In California abundant material both in fruit and flowers was obtained of *Viola praemorsa*, *venosa*, *purpurea* var. *pinetorum*, *adunca*, *glabella*, *Macloskeyi* and *nephrophylla*. He made a special trip to Nevada City, which was the type station of *Viola sequoiensis*,<sup>2</sup> as described by Dr. Albert Kellogg, the early Californian botanist. He wished to find this violet and the so-called sequoias under which they grew. Although as late as the first of August he was able to find fresh flowers but no sequoias, as this region is too far north for *Sequoia gigantea* and too far inland for *Sequoia sempervirens*.

From Berkeley, a special trip was made to Fort Bragg and Noyo on the Mendocino coast where he found material of *Viola sarmatosa*, *adunca*, *ocellata* and by rare chance specimens of *Viola Langsdorfii*,<sup>3</sup> a violet which had not been reported from California before. He had found in one summer all of the California violets but seven. His daughter, however, was able to send him this material, at a later date, before he began his work on the "Violets of North America". This was published in 1921 as Bulletin 224 of the Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station. It contains 164 pages with 66 plates in black and white and 25 colored ones.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

There is a station for McNab Cypress (*Cupressus Macnabiana* Murr.) about one-half mile west of the junction of the Alcalde mine road with the McCormick road to Indian Spring, Nevada County. It also occurs in one locality between Nevada City and Grass Valley.—A. E. WIESLANDER, Nov., 1927.

The first volume of Dr. LeRoy Abram's *Flora of the Pacific Coast* was issued May 15, 1923. It is bound in cloth, contains 557 pages and 1299 figures. (Stanford University Press. \$9.00).

A *Manual of the Flowering Plants of California* by Dr. W. L. Jepson was published 1923 to 1925. It is bound in cloth, contains 1244 pages and 1023 illustrations. (Associated Students Store, University of California, Berkeley, California. \$7.50).

<sup>2</sup>Published by Dr. Albert Kellogg in the Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences 2:185 (1863). *Viola lobata* Bentham (Pl. Hartw. 298,—1848) antedates it.—W. L. JEPSON.

<sup>3</sup>Mr. Milo S. Baker, who has studied the violets of western America for thirty years, refers this Mendocino coast plant to *Viola palustris* L.—W. L. JEPSON.